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In the application of :
JOHN K. HOWIE *et al.* : Confirmation No. 5398
Serial No. 10/058,520 : Group Art Unit: 1711
Filed: January 28, 2002 : Examiner: Samuel A. Aaquah

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 4, 2003 for the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks.

Amendment to the Claims: begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments: begin on page 6 of this paper.